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## Our Daily Bread

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The High Schoolers March

Snobbishness on Public Money

The teletype reports that 45 Little Rock High School students marched on the state capital this morning to persuade Governor Homer M. Adkins to sign a bill permitting them once more to wear publicly the pins of high school fraternities.

## Selective Service Director Defines Classifications

By CHARLES MOLONY

Washington, March 23 — (AP) —

Who's a 3-B in the draft?

In a recent appeal to the president from a 1A draft classification, a baker's helper earning \$20 a week was reclassified to 3-B.

Nobody contended he was a necessary individual. The 3-B classification was given him simply because he had dependents and his job, although not essential in itself, was in an essential activity.

This case, officials here say, pointed up one of the most widespread misunderstandings by local draft boards of instructions sent them by national headquarters.

Many boards appear to believe that a man with dependents can't be classified 3-B unless he is an essential individual.

But the regulations provide otherwise. Here's the way Selective Service Chief Lewis B. Hershey summed up the rule that has been in effect since last August 15:

"In considering the classification of registrants with dependents, it is not necessary to determine whether or not the registrant is a necessary man but only to determine whether or not he is engaged in an essential activity."

"If he is not, he is classified in class 3-A; if he is, then he is classified in class 3-B."

One state headquarters, finding its boards still were making misclassifications, sent out instructions this month putting it this way:

"Any class 3 registrant with dependents... who is engaged in a civilian activity necessary to win production or which is supporting the war effort must (the 'must' was underscored) be classified in 3-B."

It further pointed out that this didn't mean just bomber plants, shipyards and the like, but activities "which provide food, clothing, shelter, health, safety and other requisites of our daily life."

The 3-A classification, it noted, is for those with dependents but not engaged in essential activities.

"The distinction is important because, in reclassifying class 3 registrants... the cases of those in 3-A must be considered and exhausted before the cases of those in 3-B can be taken up," the notice said.

Continuing the discussion of misclassifications, the instructions cited as "one typical recent case" that of a newspaper reporter who was reclassified from 3-A to 3-B.

"He was unquestionably entitled to a 3-B classification because the publication of newspapers has been certified as an activity contributing to the war effort under Occupational Bulletin No. 27," the instructions said.

"Had he been reclassified from 3-A to 3-B in the first instance, as he should have been, he would not have been called for induction for some time to come."

There is an exception from the ruling that any man with dependents in an essential activity should be in 3-B, and this is men whose jobs were listed February 2 as "indispensable" regardless of dependents. Elevator operation for example are nondeferrable.

Men who are individually essential go into Class 2 — it's 2-A if their activity is considered essential to support of the war effort, and 2-B if their activity is rated essential to war production.

As to men in Class 3-A and those in Class 3-B, the order of call, according to General Hershey, is as follows:

"1. Single men who have collateral dependents but who are not engaged in an essential activity (Class 3-A)."

"2. Single men who have collateral dependents and who are engaged in an essential activity (Class 3-B)."

"3. Men with wives only, and who are not engaged in an essential activity (Class 3-A)."

"4. Men with wives only but who are engaged in an essential activity (Class 3-B)."

"5. Men with wives and children or children alone, but who are not engaged in an essential activity (Class 3-A)."

## G. Viereck Indicted As Enemy Agent

Washington, March 23 — (AP) — George Sylvester Viereck of New York, a German propagandist, was indicted today on six counts charging violation of the foreign agent registration act, specifically that he failed to disclose that he was acting for the Nazi foreign office in this country.

Viereck recently was freed from the District of Columbia jail after serving a year on a previous conviction of violating the foreign agent act when the supreme court ordered a retrial on the ground of an error in the judge's instructions to the jury.

Attorney General Biddle announced the new indictment and it was indicated at the justice department that the step was taken to eliminate any possible weaknesses which might be encountered in a retrial on the old charge.

George McNulty, chief of the alien property unit in the war division and formerly head of the criminal division trial section, will be in charge of the case. McNulty thus succeeds William Power Maloney, now chief of the trial section whose conduct of the previous trial was sharply criticized in the supreme court decision which recommended the case to district court.

Monticello, March 23 — (AP) — Carl Hankins, about 35, Warren, was found dead in his smoke-filled room in a hotel here today.

Authorities said he apparently had gone to sleep while smoking and a cigarette had ignited his mattress.

His body was discovered when occupants of the floor above his room complained of smoke.

## Nazi Efforts to Cross Donets Halted by Reds

By EDDY GILMORE

Moscow, March 23 — (AP) —

Battling numerically superior forces of Germans who continue to pour up to the front in long columns, the Red Army of the northern Donets pushed back every German effort to cross the waterway in force, while on the central front the Russians continued to drive toward Smolensk, it was announced today.

The Chuguev and Belgorod sectors still were the centers of the most violent fighting in the Donets area, the Germans employing increasing numbers of infantry being largely on trucks for communications between Kharkov and Chuguev, and the Russian heavy artillery, which commands several roads leading to the front, has been pouring showers of steel into marching columns and troop-laden trucks, as well as blasting the heavy German tanks.

The Soviet guns have been inflicting similar punishment on the trucks carrying troops into the Belgorod sector, but advances from the front indicated the Germans were bringing up reserves for heavier assaults from Belgorod down through the Donets elbow.

Nowhere along the line, however, was there any indication that the Red Army defense was weakening.

The Russians were holding, too, north of Zhidzha, above Bryansk, where violent German attacks were reported thrown back again and again with losses of upwards of 6,000 men in the last five days without any hint of German success.

The invaders' activity in this sector was held to be a measure to try to save German positions at Bryansk and Orel, endangered by Russian troops driving westward from several bases.

(The German high command communique broadcast today by the Berlin radio and recorded by the Associated Press referred to this sector and said German troops finally had frustrated a Soviet offensive started in January and aimed at cutting off the Orel area from other Nazi-held portions of western Russia.)

(In the course of this eight weeks' offensive, the German broadcast claimed that the Russians lost 10,594 captured and 150,000 killed, and that 1,061 tanks and 485 guns were captured or destroyed by the Germans.)

In addition, the German communique reported Nazi forces continuing to gain west of Kursk and repulsing Soviet attacks south of Lake Ladoga, but it made no reference to the Smolensk salient where the Russians have reported recent successes.

Indicative of the fact that the Russians are poised southeast of Smolensk to develop another salient was a Tass dispatch yesterday which stated that "in the daytime in the direction of Dorogobuzh, one can observe columns of smoke, and at night, flames are seen on the horizon. The Germans set fire to the villages."

Yanks Twice Raid Jap Base at Kiska

Washington, March 23 — (AP) —

The navy report today that Army bombers raided the Japanese base at Kiska in the Aleutians twice Sunday starting a large fire.

Communique No. 321 said:

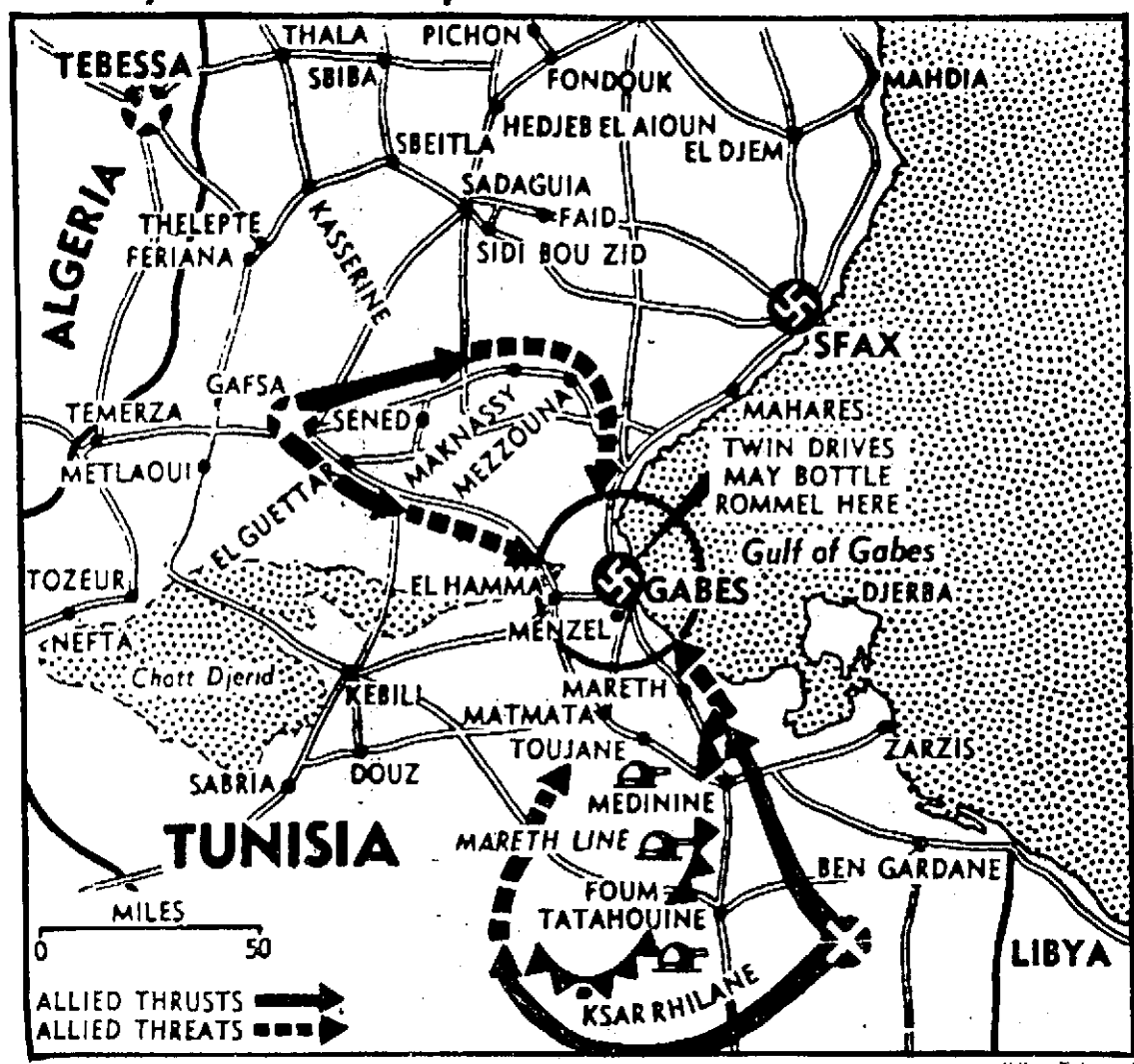
"North Pacific:

"1. On March 21st, two groups of Army liberator heavy bombers (Consolidated B-24) and Mitchell medium bombers, (North American B-25) with fighter escorts, attacked Japanese positions at Kiska. Except for one large fire, results were not observed."

The Sunday raids raised to 21 the total number of American air attacks on Kiska so far reported this month.

National youth committees are financed by the British government to oversee the welfare of young people between 14 and 18.

## Today's War Map



Today's war telemap shows how the British and the Americans may close in on Rommel's forces in the Tunisia trap.

## Minister Held for Shooting Husband, Wife

New Orleans, March 23 — (AP) —

50-year-old Episcopal rector, stabbed in the abdomen, was held under police guard at a hospital today after admitting, City Detective Charles Mellon said, that he shot and wounded his former secretary and her husband.

The officer said the Rev. Charles Monroe, for 10 years rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church here, was stabbed yesterday by John McBride, 38, who objected when the minister kept on sending pay checks to his wife, who had resigned as the rector's secretary.

The Rev. Monroe, the detective said, admitted shooting the couple with a pistol but claimed Mrs. McBride, 38, was hit accidentally. The minister, a widower, also was quoted as saying that McBride had threatened earlier in the day by telephone to kill him, Mrs. McBride and her son, Peter, 13.

Assistant District Attorney Henry J. Voss and police detectives, who took statements from the victims, gave this further account:

Mrs. McBride was employed by the Rev. Monroe as his secretary when she separated from her husband after he joined the Merchant Marine. When he returned recently they were reconciled. Mrs. McBride quit the job, but kept receiving checks, she declared, which her husband, now employed in a shipyard, resented.

The Rev. Monroe said he had gone to Mrs. McBride's home to warn her of the telephone threat when McBride entered by a side door. As Mrs. McBride ran to meet him, the minister opened fire, hitting McBride twice and the wife once.

The wounded man stabbed the minister in the abdomen with his pocket knife and fled, the Rev. Monroe firing three more bullets.

Five times, McBride fled the house and later was carried to a hospital with his wife. Their wounds were not believed dangerous. Mrs. McBride's sister, Mrs. Chester Ford, witnessed the shooting and said the two women had tried to get the pistol from the clergyman before McBride arrived.

Victims of Plane Crash Identified

Little Rock, March 23 — (AP) —

Army air force authorities announced today that the two men who were killed in a trainer plane crash yesterday at nearby Wrightsville had been identified as Staff Sgts. John W. Coleman, 622 Tuscaloosa Ave., Birmingham, Ala., and Joseph H. Cunich, 326 Crest St., Creighton, Pa.

Coleman was 22 and Cunich was 25. They were attached to Adams field here.

Witnesses reported that the plane went into a tail spin several hundred feet up and dived to earth with such force the motor was driven through the instrument board.

## Burks Dies for Rice Field Slaying

Lake Charles, La., March 23 —

(AP) — Horace F. Burks, co-slayer of a Texas salesman in the St. Valentine's day, 1940, rice field murder here, was electrocuted today at 12:19 p. m. in the state's portable electric chair.

The 27-year-old Arkansan died calmly in the same chair in which his accomplice, Annie Beatrice (Toni Jo) Henry paid with her life last Nov. 28 after her third trial.

The execution was in charge of Dr. E. L. Clements, Calcasieu parish coroner who was sworn in yesterday as acting sheriff in place of the late Sheriff Henry A. Reid who died Sunday night.

Colony was shot and killed after he had picked up the couple hitchhiking from Texas to Lake Charles. Mrs. Henry, shortly before her death signed a statement that she fired the fatal bullet.

Burks are heartily last night and was granted permission by the jailer to bathe and shave himself for the execution.

Asks Adkins Veto On All Budget Bills

Little Rock, March 23 — (AP) —

Defending policies of the Senate economy bloc of which he was a leader but asserting its savings of \$350,000 in biennial appropriations "barely scratched the surface," veteran Sen. Ro Milyum, Harrison, called on Governor Adkins today to veto all the 1943-45 budget bills and call a special session in June.

If such action is not taken "for the purpose of cutting the cloth of state expenditures to fit the pattern of declining revenues," Milyum said Adkins would be "compelled to call a special session at some later date to gouge more money from the state's taxpayers to prevent a breakdown of essential services and functions."

"I am convinced that amounts authorized in the present appropriations can be reduced by at least \$3,000,000 for the biennium without impairing the efficiency of any essential state service," he said in a prepared statement released last night.

"I content this saying should be made and further insist that the time has come when we must place a definite ceiling on the upward trend of state spending in order to preserve the financial integrity of the state and the welfare of its citizens. For that reason I am asking that the chief executive... call a special session in June to avoid the financial crisis toward which we are heading."

Actors in ancient Greek tragedies wore high soles to give them added height.

## Government to Stand Firm in UMW Dispute

By JOSEPH A. LOFTUS

Washington, March 23 — (AP) —

President John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers had dual notice from the government today that it contemplates no retreat on the wage stabilization front.

While the War Labor Board was announcing its rejection of a labor petition to lift the 15 per cent cost-of-living allowance, President Roosevelt backed up the board with messages to Lewis and the coal operators that their dispute "must be settled like an other dispute."

The president's statement put a damper on speculation that the government might yield to Lewis at least to the extent of appointing a special agency to hear his case.

Lewis has been lambasting WLB Chairman William H. Davis and has implied he would not submit the miners' demands to that agency on the ground Davis prejudged the case.

At a press conference following the WLB's vote to retain the "Little Steel" wage formula, Davis told reporters that enactment of farm legislation providing any "radical change in the price of food" might require an upward adjustment of wages.

Mr. Roosevelt requested continued production of coal after March 31, when the present contract expires, with the understanding that if the new agreement includes any wage adjustments they would be applied retroactively from April 1.

He added significantly: "If any wage adjustments are made they must, of course, be made in accordance with the act of October 2, 1942, and executive order No. 9250."

The act of October 2 directed the president to issue an executive order to stabilize wages and living costs as of September 15 "so far as practicable." This policy was set forth in executive order No. 9250 early in October.

The WLB's 8 to 4 rejection of a motion to boost the 15 per cent ceiling of the Little Steel formula set the stage for a showdown on the demand of the miners for \$2 a day increase.

Social Workers

Little Rock, March 23 — (AP) —

A nominating committee that included Mrs. J. D. Beauchamp, El Dorado, and Mrs. Maude Harrison, Fort Smith, was appointed by Miss Ruth Beall, president, today to recommend a slate of officers for the Arkansas Association of Social Work at its annual conference here April 27-29.

Kroger Store Burns

Clarendon, March 23 — (AP) —

Fire originating shortly before last midnight destroyed the Kroger Grocery and Baking company store and did smaller damage to an adjoining grocery store owned by W. T. Britton.

An estimate of the damage was not available immediately.

## British Capture 1700 Prisoners, Break Axis Line

### Allies Kill 700 Japs in Push on New Guinea

Allied Headquarters in Australia, March 23 — (AP) —

The entire Mamberare river valley area on the north-east coast of New Guinea 40 miles north of Buna and within 100 miles of the important Japanese base at Salamaua is in the control of Allied ground troops after a steady infiltration which has cost the enemy at least 700 dead and over 100 prisoners, Allied headquarters announced today.

Many other Japanese are believed to have lost their lives of starvation and disease, the communique said, in the American push through the swampy river valleys of the Ambasi, Kumusi and OPI, which were cleared of enemy troops during the current advance.

Allied bombers and fighters continued, meanwhile to pound at Japanese positions in New Guinea and New Britain, giving particular attention to Gasmata, on the south coast of the latter island.

The Gasmata base was hit with 2,000 - pound bombs dropped on the runway of the airfield which started large fires, and then was heavily strafed by long fighters, with heavy damage to buildings and installations, the bulletin said.

Though Salamaua itself escaped Allied air attention yesterday, several other Japanese bases along the New Guinea northeast coast were hit.

An Allied heavy unit machine-gunned the town of Lae, another bombed the runway of the airfield at Finschafen, 65 miles to the northwest, while still another group shot up the town of Madang 160 miles north of Salamaua.

Three Japanese bombers struck back with a raid on the Allied base at Milne Bay, on the southern tip of New Guinea, causing two casualties but no other damage, the communique said.

U. S., RAF Air Bombers Strike Nazi Sub Base

London, March 23 — (AP) —

Squadrons of the RAF's big bombers smashed at the German submarine base at St. Nazaire last night in the wake of a heavy assault on Wilhelmshaven by American Flying Fortresses and Liberators yesterday afternoon.

Eight Whirlwind fighter-bombers also blasted railway targets in Brittany during the night's operations, which cost the loss of one plane, an air ministry communique said.

The assaults on St. Nazaire and Wilhelmshaven represented a resumption of the Allied air offensive against the nests from which Nazi under-water raiders have been striking at vital united nations supply lines.

St. Nazaire has been a repeated target of attacks not only by the RAF but by the United States Air Force. The last big raid on the base was carried out by the RAF on the night of Feb. 28, when more than 1,000 tons of bombs were unloaded on the U-boat pens.

The assault on Wilhelmshaven was described as one of the heaviest and most accurate yet delivered by the American flyers, who had attacked the big German Naval base twice before. It was directed at shipping installations in a target area only a few hundred feet in diameter. Three bombers failed to return.

(A German radio broadcast, heard by the Associated Press, claimed that seven bombers were shot down in the raid on Wilhelmshaven. It said that "in particular the population suffered losses and damage was caused to buildings.")

The results were good, a communique stated tersely.

German planes visited a northeast English area and dropped heavy bombs late last night, it was reported, and flew through heavy British anti-aircraft fire to drop incendiary bombs elsewhere in the northeast and coastal districts. Some casualties and damage were acknowledged and one raider was reported shot down.

In China, family names preceded given names, so that one might be called "Smith John."

By EDWARD KENNEDY,

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, March 23 — (AP) —

American armored forces have captured Maknassy in a slash toward the sea to cut Axis communications, an Allied headquarters communique announced today, and field reports said parts of the British Eighth Army had swept in a wide arc around the Mareth line and were now many miles inside it.

While the Americans, under Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., stabbed to within less than 34 miles of the Gulf of Gabes, continuing east past Maknassy, other forces of Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's Eighth Army swung a mighty frontal blow at Marshal Erwin Rommel's Mareth line.

The communique said the operations there were going ahead on schedule despite a bitter contest being put up by Axis forces which yesterday attempted a powerful counterattack. This was repulsed. The announcement said 1,700 Axis prisoners were captured in this operation by midday yesterday.

The force which swung in a sweeping movement around the southwestern flank of the Mareth line now faced a strong German concentration of tanks and artillery at El Hamma, 20 miles directly west of Gabes.

Allied air forces yesterday smashed fiercely at this concentration, the communique announcing that at least 32 enemy tanks were hit and at least nine of them destroyed.

All indications were that the Germans would make a desperate effort to prevent Gen. Patton's armored column from reaching the coast and this morning there were all the signs of a big counterattack impending in this sector.

Patton's column which had branched off from Gafsa to El Guetair was now moving along the coast to the southward into Maknassy and toward Mezzouna.

The Eighth Army units which launched the coastal attack along a six-mile front had now fought their way across the Wadi Zigzaou northeast of Mareth and through a complicated trench system supported by cross fire from machine-gun posts which had been prepared to reinforce the Mareth line.

(Morocco radio broadcast recorded in London at mid-day said Montgomery had driven a wedge into the "best defended part" of the Mareth line, and described the assault on the line as the most concentrated ever witnessed with "Allied air forces, tanks and self-propelled guns pounding the German positions without respite.")

(Another broadcast from Algiers by CBS, reported in London, said a wide, outflanking march of 100

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Frat Members March on the State Capitol

Little Rock, March 23 — (AP) —

Approximately 45 high school students staged a "march on the capitol" today in an effort to persuade Gov. Homer M. Adkins to sign a bill passed by the 1943 legislature to permit them to wear fraternity pins.

When the governor failed to show up at his office by class time, the group disbanded but a few of the leaders remained behind in an effort to arrange a conference with Adkins after close of school this afternoon.

The measure, passed without much debate during the closing days of the session, would make it unlawful for any teacher or public school official to punish or discriminate against any student wearing a fraternity badge.

The governor's office reported numerous school officials and teachers had asked the governor to veto the measure on grounds that the bill in effect would repeal a 1929 law barring public school fraternities.

A spokesman said the group was representing "about 600 fraternity and sorority members in Little Rock high school and about 10,000 members of high school fraternities over the state."

"We feel that we are as much entitled to wear our fraternity pins as the members of athletic organizations and honor societies that are affiliated with the school," the spokesman said.

"We are not asking that we be affiliated with the school but we do ask that we receive the same privilege of wearing our pins."

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# Social and Personal

Daisy Dorothy Heard, Editor  
Phone 788 Between 8 a. m. and 4 p. m.

## Social Calendar

**Tuesday, March 23rd**  
Tuesday Contract Bridge club, home of Mrs. George Ware, 2:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Franklin Horton and Mrs. Edwin Stewart will be hostesses to the Cosmopolitan club at the home of the former, 7:45 o'clock.

**Thursday, March 25th**  
Members of the Hope Business and Professional Women's club will do volunteer work at the Surgical Dressings rooms, 7:30 o'clock.

**Tuesday, March 30th**  
Mrs. Franklin Horton and Mrs. Edwin Stewart will be hostesses to the Cosmopolitan club at the home of the former, 7:45 o'clock.

**Interesting Study Presented at Baptist Church**  
A most interesting Bible study on "Cain and Abel" was presented to the members of the Women's Missionary Society of the First Baptist church at the monthly study held at the church Monday.

Fifty-four members were in attendance.  
Following the study it was announced that the state W. M. U. meet will be held in Little Rock from April 6 to April 8. A representative group is expected to attend.

**Coming and Going**  
Luther Higginson, Jr., who is a seaman second class in the Navy Medical corps, spent the past few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Higginson. He is stationed at the U. S. Naval Training Technical Center at Memphis.

Mrs. and Mrs. Jack Rogers were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. McCormick of El Dorado.  
Mrs. Claud Garner and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Cooper are in Fort Worth to attend the summer markets.  
Mrs. Leo Perdue of Loun is visiting relatives in the city this week.

After a weekend visit with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Alexander, Miss Enola Alexander has returned to Forrest City.

Mrs. Lillian Grogan and her guest, Mrs. Maggie Sisk of Caruthersville, Mo., have returned from Shreveport where they visited Mrs. M. J. Johnson.

**Births**  
The Edwin Birds of Crossat are the parents of a fourth child, a son, born Sunday, March 21. The young man, who is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Norton, has been named Allan W. Bird.

**Communique**  
Among the thousands of new inductees recently sworn into the service of the United States and assigned to the Ordnance department are five men from Hope and surrounding towns. These new soldiers will be assigned to the Ordnance Replacement Training center at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., where they will receive basic training. The men are: Johnnie Lee Britt, 322 Shover street; Henry W. Bryson, Rt. 3, Prescott; Billie Haynes Laha, 802 South Elm street; Joseph Allen Province, Arkadelphia; Joe Henry Webb, Ozan.

Pvt. Luther S. Reynerson is the latest soldier-student from Hope, Ark., to receive his diploma as an expert airplane mechanic from Keesler Field, Miss. Pvt. Reynerson is the son of Mrs. A. C. Reynerson, South Main street.

Lester Osburn of Hope was a member of a recent class graduated from the Gray Marine Diesel school in Detroit and is now stationed at the Naval Receiving station, Norfolk, Va., awaiting assignment to a ship.

**Sunrise Easter Service Planned**  
At a meet of the Hope Ministerial Alliance at the First Baptist Church today, plans were made to the annual Sunrise Easter service. The Rev. Paul Capton, co. Gospel Tabernacle will deliver the sermon at Hope High School stadium at 7 o'clock Easter morning.

Roy Anderson again will serve as chairman for general arrangements.

**Legal Notice**  
NOTICE OF SALE  
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned mortgagee in a mortgage executed by S. L. Starr to the United States on the 19th day of March, 1941 and duly filed in the office of the Recorder in and for Hempstead County, Arkansas: the said S. L. Starr having waived all rights of appraisement, sale and redemption under the laws of the State of Arkansas; pursuant to the powers granted under the terms of the aforementioned mortgage, and by the laws of the State of Arkansas, will on the 28th day of March, 1943 at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon of said date, at Pinkney Starr, 412 miles north of Ozon, in County of Hempstead, State of Arkansas, offer for sale to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property, to-wit: 1 mare, 105#; 6; 1 black horse mule, Jet, 900#; 8; 1 white face Jersey cow, 600#; 6; 1 cream Jersey cow, 600#; 7; 1 cream Jersey cow, 750#; 7; 1 red heifer; 1 John Deere Middle Buster; 1 wagon; 1 Syracuse Break Plow; 1 Dixie pressure cooker; 2 sets of harness; 1 John Deere cultivator.

Witness my hand this the 22nd day of March, 1943, United States of America, by John V. Ferguson, County Supervisor.

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## Post War Plan Challenged by Sen. LaFollette

Washington, March 23 — (AP) — Advocates of immediate post war planning were challenged today by Senator LaFollette (Prog-Wis.) to show how their proposal to initiate an organization of the United Nations would be binding on any country, including the United States.

A member of the Senate Foreign Relations committee which will consider the proposal along with others of a similar nature tomorrow, LaFollette described a resolution introduced by Senators Ball (R-Minn.), Burton (R-Ohio), Hatch (De-NM) and Hill (D-Ala.) as "an extreme manifestation of folly."

"It isn't binding on anyone, including its authors," LaFollette told reporters.

Taking a similar tack, Chairman Sol Bloom of the House Foreign Affairs committee described it as "an example of the disjointed and scattered thinking that is going on both within and without Congress."

Bloom, asserting post war plan proposals now before Congress "don't go deep enough," indicated the House soon "to get down to bed rock."

"What is needed," he said, "is a joint committee of the Senate and House that will formulate a fundamental comprehensive proposal on postwar problems to be introduced simultaneously in both Senate and House. Then we will have a unified expression on this vast subject with tremendous impetus behind it that will open the way to a prosecution and winning of the peace, the same as a thousand committees are now prosecuting the war."

The Senate resolution would put that body on record as urging this government to organize the United Nations to collaborate in immediate economic, relief and rehabilitation programs and to join in forming a postwar peace preserving union backed up with armed forces.

That resolution is fine, as far as it goes," Bloom commented. "But its sponsors haven't even agreed among themselves as to what they want to do. I listened to them Sunday night when they debated their resolution and for the life of me I couldn't be sure what it is they want and I am not sure now."

While proponents asserted passage of the resolution would ensure our Allies that this country does not intend to isolate itself after the war, LaFollette closed it in the same category as his anti-third term resolution which the Senate passed during the Coolidge administration. LaFollette later supported President Roosevelt for a third term.

## Assembly Made Insanity Ground for Divorce in Arkansas

By ED L. CAMPBELL

Little Rock, March 13 — (AP) — Normally, a session of the Arkansas legislature means lawyers back home must put in hours of study finding out what the new rules for them and the courts are going to be.

The general assembly usually has a liberal sprinkling of attorney members and most of them can, in 60 days, think up some improvements in jurisprudence.

But the members were kept pretty busy during the recent session with more pressing problems and only 33 bills classified as strictly legal matters got through the mill.

As far as the general public is concerned, perhaps the most important was the Hiale bill (HB 78) making incurable insanity grounds for divorce. This gives Arkansas a total of eight grounds for dissolving marriage. The insanity statute had a stormy course. It had been defeated at two previous sessions. This time it passed the House by only five votes, was once defeated by seven votes in the Senate then revived and passed it just three votes majority.

A minor change in the divorce laws (SB 184) no longer requires attorneys to show the race of the litigants in the proceedings.

There were five measures passed pertaining to criminal law. Unauthorized use of another's airplane was now punishable as a misdemeanor (SB 38). A husband or wife can testify for, but not against, the other in criminal cases (SB 40). If a person pleads guilty to a misdemeanor charge in a municipal or justice's court, it will not prevent him from appealing to circuit court from the judgment (SB 124). Indictments must now recite the particulars of an alleged offense and two or more defendants jointly indicted not only can obtain severances but may elect the order in which they shall stand trial (SB 323). In prosecutions on bad check charges, if the check is on an out-of-state bank, the instrument itself may be used as evidence without necessity of summoning a bank official from the other state (HB 439).

Every little business man should check up on another new law (SB 30). It requires that any business operated under an assumed name — such as the corner grocery, last chance tavern, clean Laundry — must file with the county clerk a certificate of its true ownership. It will cost \$1 to file.

A person desiring to change his name, can have it done at any time now without waiting for a regular session of court (HB 28). And preachers may hold services in courthouses. A 1915 law prohibiting

it was repealed (SB 200). There were 12 bills passed relating to estates, most of them too technical for laymen to worry about. These prohibit absentee administration of estates (HB 40), clarify a husband's rights in his wife's property (HB 50), allow guardians broader powers in executing oil and gas leases for incompetents (HB 200), allow guardians of incompetent veterans to purchase homes for their wards (SB 191), reduce the amount of advertising necessary for guardian's sales (SB 173), put a new statute of limitations on claims against estates (SB 260), permit administrators on claims against estates (SB permit administrators to post surety bonds (SB 163), prescribe qualifications for guardians (HB 417), eliminate a requirement that a husband also sign a wife's receipt for an estate (HB 293), regulate wills (SB 172), require all beneficiaries share proportionately all taxes against an estate (HB 146), and facilitate execution of contracts after one party has become incompetent (HB 490).

Eleven measures had to do with court procedure. Filing exceptions in criminal cases (SB 69) and circuit courts will be opened at all times now for pre-trial conferences and other similar business (SB 155). If a practicing attorney cannot be found, a chancellor may appoint a non-lawyer as a probate referee (SB 210). Oral testimony as well as depositions may be (HB 21). Procedure in filing bills of interpleader was altered (SB 76). Times for holding court in the eighth and seventeenth circuits were changed (SB 381-SB 212). Pulaski county's three circuit judges may now interchange their work (SB 12), and chancery courts may appoint a standing master (SB 69).

The governor is given authority to appoint emergency circuit judges when the regular judge goes to war (SB 395) and a uniform law governing acknowledgements has been passed (SB 322).

## Burglar Breaks Into Negro Night Spot

A music box in a negro night spot was robbed of several dollars overnight, the Hope Police Department announced today. The burglar gained entrance to the building through a window.

The establishment is owned and operated by Dola Straughter and is located at East Fifth and Shover streets.

Cyclonic storms originating over the Timor Sea strike northern Australia between November and April.

## British Trial Offensive Scares Nazis

By RELMAN MORIN

London, Tuesday, March 23 — (AP) — Allied commanders were studying today the results of a recent "trial offensive" sham exercise of such genuine character that the Germans, according to their broad-casts and newspapers, thought it was the beginning of a real invasion of the continent.

The operation lasted 10 days and covered a wide area of England. It tested new and secret methods whereby an army presumably landed with the heaviest equipment, including tanks and artillery, on an enemy shore and drove overland to a specific objective.

Totally new field tactics and organizational techniques were employed, stressing speed and striking power.

The concentration of men and material attracted the attention of German aerial reconnaissance. The Luftwaffe apparently spotted two huge armies assembling for the Berlin raid promptly reported.

"The British are massing for some audacious attempt on the continent," the Germans may not have long to wait.

Within the limitations of the fact that it was a mock operation, the exercise furnished an all-out test for the plan itself as well as for men and machines. Actual combat conditions were simulated as closely as possible and a number of real casualties resulted through accidents.

No live ammunition was used, but there were several instances in which hand-to-hand combat occurred between battle-hot troops before unimpeded could intervene. One Canadian outfit went nearly 40 hours without food when it outstripped its transport in a long, forced march.

The new operations scheme embracing all air force functions — fighters, bombers, reconnaissance, etc. — in a single field command and synchronizing this with the ground forces was given a thorough trial.

The commanders made enthusiastic reports on results. Meanwhile, every other branch of both armies was put through the severest trials the unimpeded could devise. Engineers unpireed real bridges, including some capable of bearing heavy Churchill tanks across streams.

Two airfields were constructed under fire and put into actual use as the campaign progressed. The speed of the attackers' advance was so great that there was at least one instance where transport failed to maintain the fuel supply for armored units, although truck drivers worked themselves to exhaustion.

The attacking army was commanded by Lieut.-Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton of Canada, who declared after the operations: "The Canadians are fit and ready to go."

The two forces were composed entirely of Canadian and British troops. American observers were present but no U. S. units were involved.

## Selective

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ivily (Class 3-A). Men with wives and children or children on whom they are engaged in an essential activity (Class 3-B)."

Hershey, summarizing his views on the importance of the job in determining deferment, declared it would be better to lower physical standards again and take men with dependents rather than take necessary individuals and "disrupt essential production of war supplies."

The world's first law to safeguard the health of factory workers was passed in Great Britain in 1802.

## Expecting a Baby?

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Crepe, Satin, Jersey, Long and Short Sleeves.

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**SERIAL STORY Glider Girl**  
By OREN ARNOLD  
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**PAT'S PLAN CHAPTER XX**

WHEN the morning radio forum ended there in the hotel convention hall, Pat Friday came out with her face looking ever so serious. Her mind was in a whirl, and she dodged the lobby crowd which would surely recognize her, ducked up a stairway and went to the big women's lounge. First person she spotted there was Loraine Stuart.

Pat stopped in her tracks. It wouldn't do to antagonize Loraine. Not any more than had been done already. This whole situation, Pat reminded herself, was so strained! Here in Phoenix, Ariz., hanging on the outskirts of all the publicity and all the excitement and fun of the transcontinental soaring flight, was Captain Carr's own fiancée. The girl who was originally scheduled to fly with him and who, the public thought, actually was with him, at least in name. Only—it was Pat herself who publicly carried Loraine's name. The real Loraine remained a nonentity, sulking, concealed.

All at once Pat felt a rush of sympathy for the other girl. "Whether I like her or not has nothing to do with it," Pat told herself. "She just got a dirty break at the start. And—and after all—she's the girl Jimmy loves!"

That was the fact which stung. Loraine Stuart was the girl Jimmy loved. Pat's own love for Jimmy was a secret which only two people in the world knew.

She went to Loraine and sat down. "Come on and go places with me," Pat invited, with sincere kindness now. "There's no point in our despising each other, Loraine."

The taller girl was smoking. She exhaled, looking off as if unaware of Pat at all. "No," she said, finally. "Pat, I tucked a pretty lip in, thoughtfully. Then she tried again. "Loraine, I've already told you, the whole thing is impersonal with me. It's bigger than we are. And as for Jimmy himself—I admitted I was out of the picture there, too. He's yours, by his own choice. And you owe it to him to—to be a good sport and all. . . . Don't you?"

She looked at Pat, then. "Did he send you to tell me this?" "Goodness no!" "Then let me alone."

For a long moment Pat just looked at the other girl, studying her. When she spoke again, it was in low, sad tone. "All right, Loraine."

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miles around Rommel's flank by British units resulted in an advance to 10 miles south of one of his airfields. El Hamma, to his rear and less than 20 miles from Gabes.)

The communique said 1,700 prisoners had been taken by Gen. Montgomery. After taking Maknassy in a drive into Rommel's flank to the rear of his Mareth positions, the Americans moved onto the high ground east of the railway village, the communique said.

(The Algiers radio said the Americans occupied a ridge three miles beyond Maknassy. This would place them only about 31 miles from the Gulf of Gabes by the straightest line.)

(El Hamma, reported threatened in the CBS broadcast, is almost due west of Gabes, and is not only the site of one of Rommel's most important air bases which might be useful to United States and British planes busily pounding the fight out of Axis forces, but also a key road junction in the Axis chieftain's inner communications system.)

(Roads from Gabes in the east, Matamala in the south, Kebili in the west and El Guejar in the northeast already captured by the

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# Says Imprisonment Only Way to Halt Black Market

## Analysis of the News by Mackenzie

Editorial Comment Written Today and Moved by Telegraph or Cable.

By DeWITT MACKENZIE  
Price Administrator Prentiss M. Brown's disclosure that court actions were started against 1,025 individuals in a drive against illegal operators in meat between January 15 and March 11, gives us fair warning that one of the grave problems which we may have to face shortly on our home front will be that scourge of countries in the war zone — the black market.

We are just beginning to hear about this devil's institution here in America because it fattens on scarcities of commodities, and there's no place for it in times of plenty. The moment there is a serious shortage of any prime necessity, however — meat, for instance — the war profiteers come into action like vulture-necked vultures which have been waiting for the wounded man to fall.

War-time operators of black markets are, of course, in the category of those who are working against their country — give them any name you like. They damage national morale by withholding supplies from the regular markets, thereby imposing suffering on the masses. They foster inflation by encouraging thoughtless and selfish people with money to pay exorbitant prices. They deplete the national treasury of bond investments which are needed to finance the war effort.

During my recent trip through the war zones I found black markets operating in most countries despite vigorous efforts to exterminate the despicable rats. The only action which appears to have turned the full heat on these people is Germany. There they chop off their heads — and a jolly good job, too. However, the Demo-Democracies haven't gone that far.

England has put many of the black market dealers out of business, though, by handing out fierce fines and terms of imprisonment. As long as a year ago a warehouse company was fined the equivalent of \$800,000 on the charge of selling goods in excess of the legal quota. Prison terms, which are meted out

freely, run to a maximum of fourteen years. You'd think that sort of punishment would drive the war profiteers to cover, but some of them still hang on.

The black market of course flourishes where distress is greatest. You can get high prices from people who really are in need — if they have the money.

Poor old Belgium is a case in hand. There butter is reported as selling at \$5.50 a pound, sugar at \$1.25 a pound, and flour at \$1.60 a pound. Men's shoes are \$56 a pair and women's are \$40. So it goes.

I found a rather similar situation in Chungking, where inflation is rife, and prices of many things are fantastic. A hundred-watt electric bulb, for instance, costs \$12.50 in American money, and that's a fair gauge of other similar goods.

When it comes to luxuries like Scotch whisky, the Chinese capital pays through the nose. A bottle of this liquor was \$100, American money, when I was there. Gasoline, which is like molten pearls, cost \$20 American a gallon in the black market, although the government price was \$8.

India, too, has a situation which has been causing concern. There is a scarcity of wheat, due to several reasons. One of these is hoarding for profit.

As a result many observers have been fearful that the shortage might become dangerously acute about April, which is the in-between period for Indian crops. That might create a grave crisis in a country where the majority of the 400,000,000 people literally are always hungry, even in the best of times. However, the government has ordered supplies of wheat from Canada and Australia and latest reports are that officials believe the emergency is well in hand.

The moral of the experiences abroad seems to be that the way to handle the black market is to go after it right at the start and soak it with every weapon the law provides. Fines don't do much good, because the profits of the market are great, but long terms of imprisonment at least put the operator out of commission for the duration of his incarceration.

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### Fights Last Night

By The Associated Press  
Newark, N. J., March 23 — If first sacker Johnny Mize is accepted by his draft board tomorrow, the New York Giants will begin an immediate search for a new first baseman, Manager Mel Ott said today. Mize takes his physical at St. Louis tomorrow.

Philadelphia — Henry Armstrong, 138 1-2, Los Angeles, outpointed Al Tribuani, 146 1-2, Wilmington, Del., (10).

Scranton — Andre Gomez, 155, Scranton, outpointed Tony Ferrara, 153, Mount Vernon, N. Y. (10).

Holyoke, Mass. — Tommy Jessup, 136, Springfield, Mass., knocked out Ray Puig, 135, Tampa, Fla. (2).

New York — Pvt. Tommy Yarsz, 167 1-2, U. S. Army, outpointed McNutt, Baltimore (8).

Baltimore — Willy Carrigan and Deacon Johnny Brown, Baltimore middleweights, drew (12).

### Sports Mirror

By The Associated Press  
Today A Year Ago — West Virginia defeated Toledo, 51-30, and Western Kentucky spilled Creighton, 49-36, in National Invitational Basketball tourney.

Three Years Ago — Chuck Fenske won Bankers mile at Chicago in 4:07.9, fastest time ever recorded in midwest. Gene Venzke was second and Glenn Cunningham third.

Five Years Ago — Heen Willis Moody ended two "year retirement" and was named to U. S. Wightman Cup tennis team.

## H. Armstrong Whips Tribuani in Philadelphia

Philadelphia, March 23 —(AP)— Henry Armstrong proved last night he is the man of "1,000 punches" in whipping tough Al Tribuani, of Wilmington, Del., before a howling crowd of 12,633 paid customers at Convention Hall.

Making his first eastern appearance on a comeback trial that now leads to New York's Madison Square Garden, "Hammerin' Henry" threw close to 100 punches a round in gaining an unanimous 10-round decision over the game Tribuani.

The only man in ring history to have held three world championships simultaneously, the 30-year-old Armstrong amazed the onlookers, who contributed to a gross gate of \$32,915.25, by his ever-lasting aggressiveness in chalking up his 16th triumph in 18 starts since he came out of retirement.

Although his flailing arms had the Wilmington youth on the verge of a knockout in the third, fifth and tenth, Armstrong, a 5 to 1 favorite, admitted afterwards that it was a "tough fight."

"I was fighting a superman because he's ambitious and a win over me would have put him right up there," Henry said. "It was tough."

Armstrong gave away nearly eight pounds, weighing 138 1-2 to Tribuani's 146 1-4, but was especially effective at close range. Time and again he whipped over a series of hard rights from in close that jarred his opponent.

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## SPORTS ROUNDUP

By HUGH FULLERTON, Jr.  
Wide World Sports Columnist

New York, March 23 —(AP)— The appointment of Ta Wiernand, Princeton football coach, as civilian director of physical training for the Army's special training program doesn't mean that the Army has changed its attitude toward big-time football. . . . Just look at Princeton's record since the Fritz Crisler era. . . . Princeton won't hire a replacement for Tad until the prospects for next fall are clarified, but there's still a pretty good candidate on hand in Harry Mahinken, whose 150-pound teams have been practically unbeatable. . . . And, speaking of coaches, don't be surprised if Dutch Clark, who found it quite a task to resign his Cleveland job, turns up as an assistant to Gus Dorais of the Detroit Lions.

Thumb Fun, Eh? . . . Since the transportation shortage became acute, we've heard of basketball team traveling by buses, fire trucks and hay wagons, and now Willard M. Ansel of Ohio University passes along a report of a team that finally got down to hitchhiking. . . . Unable to make bus connections for a game at Tonnev, 28 miles away, Coach Chuck Collette of the Ridgeley (W. Va.) high school basketballers, hustled his boys out early in the morning and told them to hit the road. The tossers not only got there on time, but won the game.

One-Minute Sports Page. . . If the National league doesn't okay Larry French's idea of pitching home games for the Dodgers while on weekend leave from his Navy duties, he always can get a job with the Bushwicks, who employed Casey Stengel and other major leaguers under similar circumstances during World War one. . . . The semipro figure Larry would be worth about \$300 a game to them. . . . Jimmy Johnson, Ching's 14-year-old son, is developing into a good hockey player in Washington, D. C. . . . Maybe one

of these days he'll be bumping into Howie Morenz, Jr., in the big league. . . . Comedian Milton Berle had to go up to Bear Mountain to rehearse for Leo Durocher's appearance in his show tomorrow, and the chances are Berle didn't get a word in sideways. . . . Lieut. Jimmy Braddock, ex-heavyweight champ, is doing his Army chores on pier six — which should be assurance that there won't be any pier six brawls around there.

Today's Guest Star . . . Jack Charvat, Tulsa (Okla.) Tribune: "We will be following Texas league ball in the majors this year, and the season should be fairly interesting with so many well-known athletes from our circuit cavoring under the big top."

Headline Headliner . . . Louisville Courier - Journal (Reporting a slight case of high water at the White Sox French Lick, Ind., training camp): "Chi needs dikes instead of Dykes."

Service Dept. . . . Lieut. Kendrick R. Bragg, who recently was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for bringing down the Flying Fortress after it had been rammed by a Nazi plane over North Africa (it was his plane that broke in half when they opened a door) is the same Ken Bragg who played halfback for Duke in 1938 and had to sit out the Rose Bowl game on the bench after he busted a hand in the final workout at home. . . . The "Wildcat" basketball team, which rang up 14 straight victories to win the Eglin Field, Fla., basketball championship, included two players from Ohio and one each from Connecticut, New York and West Virginia. . . . Ed Kingsley, Utah's top amateur golfer for several years, reports that "Army life has reduced my ample waist line from 40 inches to 31." . . . How about your handicap, Ed?

ST. LOUIS LIVESTOCK . . . National Stockyards, Ill., March 23 —(AP)—(U. S. Dept. Agr.) — Hogs, 14,000; weights over 170 lbs. 15-25 lower than average Monday; lighter weights 25 to mostly 35 lower; sows 5-10 lower; bulk good and choice 180-310 lbs. 15-50-55; top 15-80 springling, 160-170 lbs. 14-65 - 15-00; 140 - 160 lbs. 14-15-65; 100 - 130 lbs. 13-00-30; sows 15-15-35; stags 15-50 down.

Cattle, 4,000; calves, 1,200; steady; one load choice steers 18.50 medium and good 13.75-15.50; good and choice mixed yearlings and heifers 14.00 - 15.75; common and medium cows 11.00 - 12.50; good upward to 14.00; medium and good sausage bulls 13.00-14.75; vealers 50 lower; good and choice 16.25; medium and good 12.15 and 15.00; nominal range slaughter steers 12.00 - 17.25; slaughter heifers 10.75-16.00; stocker and feeder steers 10.50-15.00.

Sheep, 2,500; market slow; a few good and choice woolled lambs to small killers about steady at 16.00-75; odd head good woolled ewes 8.50 down.

POULTRY AND PRODUCE . . . Chicago, March 23 —(AP)—Poultry, live; 6 trucks; firm market unchanged. . . . Butter, receipts 440,780; firm; prices as quoted by the Chicago price current are unchanged. . . . Eggs receipts 23,007; firm; fresh graded extra firsts, cars 39 1-2; firsts, cars 39 1-2; other prices unchanged.

NEW YORK STOCKS . . . New York, March 23 —(AP)— Industrial stocks led the market on another recovery push today with favorites rising fractions to a point or more to new tops for the year or longer. . . . Livelihood of issues selling under \$10 lifted volume for the full proceedings to around 1,300,000 shares. The direction was upward at the start and subsequent bidding centered on steels, rubbers and chemicals. Rails did well for a time but eventually lost momentum. Final prices were under the best in most

Today in Congress . . . By The Associated Press  
Senate . . . Receives favorable report on bill to include farm labor costs in parity formula. . . . Special defense committee investigates steel plate manufacture. . . . Military committee hears Phillip Murray on war service bill. . . . House . . . Routine session. . . . Military committee considers proposal admit women physicians into the Army.

The Bismarck Sea and archipelago were named in 1884 for the German "Iron Chancellor" for

Flashes of Life . . . By The Associated Press— Followed Orders . . . Waterbury Conn. — Rep. Talbot (R-Conn.), whose home is in near by Naugatuck, tells this story of a new employee at the WPB office in Washington who took orders literally. . . . The boss told her to send a letter to a regional WPB office and a carbon to a brass and copper company here. . . . That explains how an official of the company got a letter containing a single piece of carbon paper — and nothing else.

Ducky . . . Sacramento, Calif. — A resolution passed the California Senate by 32 quacks. . . . Voting on a proposal asking Congress to reimburse California farmers for damage done crops by wild ducks the Senate recorded 32 quacks.

That's What Junior Said . . . Kansas City — Don't clutter your victory garden with spinach advises W. G. Amstein, horticultural specialist of Kansas State College, Manhattan Says he: . . . "It's about like a weed."

Generosity . . . Cookesville, Ill. — To their point rationing conscious city cousins, the people of this small farm community offer an example of good neighborliness. . . . For Mr. and Mrs. Robert McKeown, whose home burned recently, a Methodist church group gave a canned fruit and vegetable shower. From the 25 members who attended came 87 cans of foods as well as a variety of kitchen utensils.

Best Seller to Make First Appearance . . . Hot Springs, March 23 — Best Seller, Galbreath and Dionst's able stake runner, will make his first appearance on the Oaklawn Park track this afternoon against a field of 13 other sprinters in a six furlong dash under allowance conditions. . . . Racing Secretary Eugene W. Bury assigned top weight of 119 pounds to Best Seller and the horse is expected to face serious opposition from a couple of entries in the sprint—the Calumet Farm's Wishbone and Early N Smart, and G. Fekner's Red Moon and Albattross. . . . Others in the race include Powder Bluff, Bob's Dream, Gold Mike, Mixer, Meggy, Cold Crack, Sassy Lady, Big Meal and Time O'War. . . . Ocean Wave, Calumet Farm's Arkansas Derby hopeful, showed plenty of form winning the Ouachita purse, a six furlong derby prep for three-year-olds, yesterday and worked out the full mile in 1:40. . . . But his workout was overshadowed by Mrs. Janet Kelly's Beau of Mine which ran second to Ocean Wave by three-quarters of a length in the spring, Beau of Mine, under strong urging, finished the mile in 1:38 2-5, three-fifths of a second under the Oaklawn Park track record.

Service held up rather well . . . The skill and "know how" of these people were in most cases equal to the job. During the year the company gained 123,689 telephones. It ended the year with 1,867,751 telephones in service. But in many cities, lines and equipment simply could not serve all who wanted telephones. . . . The quality and speed of telephone service held up rather well during the year. There were exceptions, of course. On many crowded long distance lines delays were unavoidable. . . . It was inevitable, in such a year, that some new high marks as well as some low marks should be set. . . . For example, the money taken in by the company for its services was 120

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## Babe Dahlgren Is Baseball's Run Around Victim

By JUDSON BAILEY  
Hershey, Pa., March 23 —(AP)— The most mysterious run-around ever given a major league ball player has fallen to Ellsworth T. (Babe) Dahlgren, the present first baseman of the Phillies.

In seven years in the big show he has been with the Boston Red Sox, New York Yankees, Boston Braves, Chicago Cubs, St. Louis Browns, Brooklyn Dodgers and Philadelphia Phillies. Some of his stays have been brief and the Browns didn't keep him long enough to do a uniform.

Dahlgren, in the opinion of many observers, is one of the flashiest fielding first basemen baseball has had in recent years and he also is a dangerous hitter. Just why the various clubs have treated him like a hot potato, then, is something the average fan cannot understand.

Dahlgren himself says he has no idea what the rap is against him. "Nobody has ever given me any explanation and I have never asked for any," he said.

The much-shuffled first baseman has a bitter remembrance of the treatment he received from the Cubs.

"In 1941 I hit .270 for them, clouted 19 home runs and batted in 80 runs. It was a real good year and I thought I had clinched the first base job."

"We went to Catalina island to camp the next spring and I played the first six exhibition games and then was benched. Manager Jimmy Wilson never did say why."

Dahlgren smiled wryly as he recalled the Yankees claimed his arms were too short when they let him go after the 1940 season. "They lost the pennant, so they had to blame somebody and I guess I was it," he mused.

Crowley Now on Duty in Quadacanal Area . . . An Advanced Base in the South Pacific, March 23 —(AP)— Lieut. Commander James "Sleepy Jim" Crowley, former Notre Dame football star and coach at Fordham University, arrived today for duty in this area. He will establish an athletic program at a concentration base for convalescents near Guadalcanal. . . . Peanuts were known as far back as 950 BC.

Revival of buying interest apparently had to do partly with brightening news, investment needs and the theory last week's reaction had put the 1st in a much healthier technical position.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS . . . Chicago, March 23 —(AP)— A final rally in the last few minutes of trading today raised wheat from the lowest levels of the session to net gains of as much as 5-8 cents a bushel. . . . The continued strength in Winnipeg and slackening of hedging pressure in the southwest led to the rally, traders said. . . . Wheat finished 1-8 to 5-8 cents above Monday's close. May \$1.45 1-8-14; July \$1.45 3-4; rye was 3-8 to 5-8 up; oats 1-8 to 3-8 higher and corn was unchanged at ceiling levels. May \$1.01. . . . Cash wheat, No. 1 hard red winter, 1.02; No. 2 yellow 1.02; No. 3 white 1.23. . . . Oats: No. 2 mixed 66; No. 2 white 67. . . . NEW YORK COTTON . . . Late afternoon prices were 20 to 40 cents a bale higher. May 20.23, July 20.08, July 19.88. . . . Futures closed 50 to 60 cents a bale higher. . . . May—opened, 20.20; closed, 20.27. . . . July—opened, 20.01; closed, 20.12. . . . Oct—opened, 19.83; closed, 19.94. . . . Dec—opened, 19.9; closed, 19.90. . . . Mch—opened, 19.68; closed, 19.33n. . . . Middling spot 22.05n, up 10 N - Minimal.

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